(*b*) The total number of backward class scholarships available are first distributed between groups of communities on the basis of population of each group, and the scholarships so got for each group are re-allotted to each district or taluk, as the case may be, according to the number of pupils in that group for each district or taluk.

(*c*) A statement showing the names of backward and depressed classes in receipt of scholarships is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*d*) and (*e*) The member's attention is invited to Table IX in Part II of the Census Report of 1921 which furnishes the number of literate persons and the total population of each community.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—60. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) If they are aware that the workmen employed in the smelting and casting departments of Bhadravathi Iron Works suffer from defective eye-sight owing to constantly staring at glare of the molten metal in the discharge of their daily duty ?

(*b*) Whether some of them have become shortsighted and unable to do their work without the help of spectacles ?

(*c*) If the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what remedial meaures are being devised for preventing further sufferings of the workmen ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—60. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Enquiries show that there have been no such cases.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—61. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that Type and 'Steno' matter casters and the compositors suffer from shortsightedness owing to their being subjected to see the glittering metal constantly in the discharge of their duties ?

(*b*) Whether they are aware that some of them are suffering from shortsightedness long before their time for retirement and resort to using spectacles purchased from their slender wages ?

(*c*) Whether the Government will be pleased to

compensate these workmen who are thus affected for the value of the spectacles ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—61. (*a*) No.

(*b*) No. So far as compositors employed in the Government Press are concerned, the percentage of short-sighted people is negligible.

(*c*) In view of the answers to (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

MR. R. GOPALASWAMI IYER (Minority Interest).—

Q.—62. In the Government Review on the report of the Department of Public Instruction in Mysore for the year 1927-28, the following observation is made in respect of the education of depressed classes:—

"The Director has been requested to investigate how far it would be possible to abolish separate Adikarnataka Primary Schools and admit pupils of the Adikarnataka community to general Primary Schools with a view to utilising the staff and equipment thus set free in improving the efficiency of the general Primary Schools."

Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the above observation, (*a*) the number of Adikarnataka Primary Schools amalgamated with general Primary Schools since 1927-28 up to 1930-31 talukwar, mentioning the place of schools ?

(*b*) The strength of Adikarnataka boys before amalgamation in each school ?

(*c*) The strength of the Adikarnataka boys after amalgamation with the general Primary Schools ?

(*d*) Whether the Adikarnataka teacher has been taken on the staff of the general Primary School or transferred to Adikarnataka school after amalgamation (information may kindly be given with names of teachers and schools) ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—62. (*a*) The information asked for is furnished in the statement appended. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Information is not readily available.